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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Establishment of School of International Communism

REFERENCE: Director of Training Memorandum, same subject, 29 May 1956

1. This is a memorandum of comment on the Director of Training's memorandum to the DCI dated 29 May 1956, subject as above.

2. The Clandestine Services welcomes the establishment of the School of International Communism as centralizing in a single School in the Office of Training all training matters having to do with International Communism. We also endorse the program outlined under Phase I of the Director of Training's memorandum, and note that this program is in fact the result of cooperative planning between the Office of Training and the Clandestine Services.

3. We do not share the alarm expressed by the Director of Training over ignorance and limited understanding of International Communism. Within the Clandestine Services this is not generally the case as far as practical knowledge is concerned. However, additional formal training is needed and will be of benefit.

4. Plans for revisions of course content and scheduling are in part in response to Clandestine Services requests, and appear to meet definite needs.

5. The Clandestine Services concurs in principle with Phase II, but has reservations regarding several aspects of the training contemplated. We believe that the training within Phase I is of the most direct assistance to the Clandestine Services in performing its functions, and we therefore hope that nothing will be undertaken within the latter Phases which might weaken the training in Phase I. The Clandestine Services would also want to be sure that none of the activities in Phase II or III would be conducted in such a way as to expose classified Clandestine Services material or covert personnel.

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5. The Clandestine Services reserves concurrence with Phase III until such time as the earlier Phases have been implemented and have proved effective. The question of Agency jurisdiction for conducting propaganda activities within the United States would have to be carefully examined at that time.

6. The Clandestine Services recommends that the Office of Training give consideration to the setting up of compartmentation within the new School to prevent improper exposure of Clandestine Services operations, intelligence product, personnel, or material. This aspect can be examined further by the Clandestine Services and the Office of Training.

7. The Clandestine Services also has certain specific, although relatively minor, problems to be worked out with OTR with regard to Phase I. This will be done through established contacts. Moreover, the Clandestine Services Training Committee and [ ] will continue to work in close cooperation with the Office of Training in planning, implementing, and supporting the program outlined in Phase I.

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